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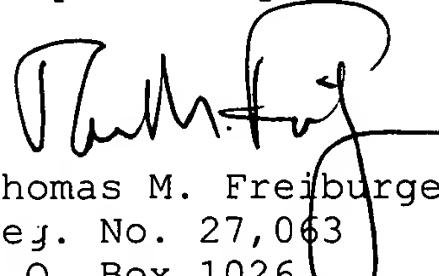
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STATUS INQUIRY

This application has been pending for nearly four years. The attorney's office has telephoned several times regarding status (October 2003, October 1, 2004 and January 7, 2005). We were informed that the application went to the examiner, Vincent Millen, Art Unit 3624, in April 2002. Attempts have been made to contact the examiner, unsuccessfully.

Nearly four years is an extraordinarily long time for an application to be pending without any action from an examiner. It is requested that the PTO inform the undersigned attorney as to the present status of the case, and to expedite processing in view of this extremely long delay.

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